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Reference: Freedom of Information Act Request **EPA-HQ-2018-000514**

Dear Mr. Natale:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated October 18, 2017, and is prepared in accordance with the FOIA. You requested a copy of the proposal records regarding EPA Technical Support for National Aquatic Resource Surveys Contract EPA contract: EP-C-16-006.

In accordance with the Agency's Class Determination 1-95 and based upon our review, we have determined that all portions of the proposal, with the exception of the following documents are entitled to confidential treatment under Exemption 4 of the FOIA:

- Title pages
- Tables of Contents
- Cover Letters

Likewise, names and phone numbers of Contractor's personnel and key personnel as well as team project company names are withheld under Exemption 4 from the requested documents.

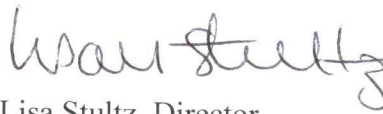
The withheld information has been claimed confidential business information. Accordingly, it is the policy of the EPA not to disclose such information.

You have the right to appeal the above determination to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2822T), Washington, DC 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only), E-mail: hq.foia@epa.gov. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20004. Your appeal must be made in writing, and it must be submitted no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 90 calendar day limit. The appeal letter should clearly identify the determination being

appealed, including the assigned FOIA request number shown above. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "**Freedom of Information Act Appeal.**"

Due to the extensive amount of time it has taken to provide a response to your request, you are not being billed any processing charges. Should there be any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact DeEdria J. Pierce, of my staff, at (202) 564-4393 or via e-mail at pierce.deedria@epa.gov and reference for identification purposes **EPA-HQ-2018-000514.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lisa Stultz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lisa" and last name "Stultz" clearly distinguishable.

Lisa Stultz, Director
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